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CBC Fall Meeting - Litchfield Beach, SC

Don Faulkner

Looking for a great place to catch the fall migrants this year? Then head for the central South Carolina coast. Just think, Huntington Beach State Park, Bull Island, Santee Coastal WMA, Waccamaw NWR and more.

The dates for our meeting are September 27th and 28th with registration beginning Thursday evening, September 26. Our headquarters are located at the Litchfield Beach & Golf Resort, at 14276 Oceans Highway, Pawley's Island, SC 29585. This is 2.5 miles south of Brookgreen Gardens on Highway 17. Call 877-854-6358 for reservations. Litchfield lies half way between Georgetown and Myrtle Beach, SC.

The accommodations at the hotel, both hotel rooms and meeting rooms, are excellent. The hotel rooms are in Summerhouse Scenic Suites and have two queen beds, a living area with a full kitchen that has all the amenities (range/oven, refrigerator, toaster, blender, cookware, flatware, and dishwasher) at a cost of $89.10 plus taxes. Each room has a balcony with either a pool or lake view. Make your reservations early as rooms are limited. We always try to ensure that we have the hotel's lowest cost for the rooms when setting up a CBC meeting. However, since this hotel is in a golfing area, they cannot guarantee that they will not have some specials available between now and September. If you are looking for a bargain, you can check the hotel website or check the rates when you call for your reservation.

The hotel breakfast buffet opens at 6 a.m. and has about everything imaginable on it. It is a little pricey compared to what we normally have at these meetings ($9.95 plus tax and service) but we do have options. There is a Starbucks on site that opens at 6 a.m. and a breakfast & brunch restaurant across the street (Eggs Up Grill) which also opens at 6 a.m. And if all else fails, you will have a complete kitchen in your room.

Friday evening's speaker is Kent Fiala, the CBC webmaster. He will talk about six weeks of birding in southeast and northeast Brazil, especially targeting endemic species. Come hear about and see photos of Sharpbill, Buff-throated Purpletuft, Red-legged Seriema, Indigo Macaw, Araripe Manakin and many other birds, and hear tales of the wolves of Caraça and the search for the Cipo Canastero.

Scott Winton is Saturday night's speaker. He is a PhD candidate studying environmental science and policy at the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University. He works in the Duke University Wetland Center under the direction of Prof. Curt Richardson. Scott will present a part of his dissertation research in which he is investigating the role played by large flocks of herbivorous waterfowl, such as Tundra Swans, in the emission of methane and nitrous oxide

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"Finding Birds in South Carolina" Now Available Online

In 1986 when Robin Carter and Caroline Eastman moved to South Carolina, Robin decided that South Carolina needed a bird finding guide and that he was going to write it. Seven years and 80,000 miles later, *Finding Birds in South Carolina* was published by the University of South Carolina Press in 1993. After the new editor of the Press decided not to reprint or revise the book, Robin requested and received return of the copyright. After Robin's death in 2008, his widow Caroline had the book digitized by the online publishing service Lulu. The full text of the book, in searchable PDF image format, is now available for download at:

www.carolinabirdclub.org/sites/SC/FindingBirdsInSouthCarolina.pdf

Note that the download is around 12MB. You may also navigate to the Club's website and click on the link provided. (www.carolinabirdclug.org)

In addition to detailed site descriptions organized by county, the book contains a general introduction to birding and bird habitats in South Carolina, a list of sites near major highways, a list of locations for selected species, and both a species and a general index. Although some counties are much better for birding than others, each county is represented by at least one site. Some of the information is now out-of-date, but most of the information is still useful. Keep in mind that a few sites are no longer open to birders, such as the Savannah Spoil Area. The Carolina Bird Club has the non-exclusive right to distribute this book and to prepare derivative works in the form of updated site descriptions for the online site directory.

Prior to his passing, Robin provided the CBC with updates of many of his site descriptions, and these updated descriptions are available on the website by selecting "South Carolina" from the "Birding Sites" link on the menu at the left of the landing screen.

Special thanks to Caroline Eastman for making this valuable resource available to all birders.

A Letter From the President

Hello fellow Carolina Bird Club (CBC) members,

This letter is my attempt to introduce myself and to talk to you about our club. I was "elected" president of the CBC at the Asheville meeting in May. In fact, I volunteered to do the job and ran unopposed. You might be asking why someone would volunteer to lead the CBC for a couple of years. I've been a member of CBC for more than 20 years. I want to give something back to the club in return for years of great birding, fun meetings, many field trips, and especially many friends who have helped me learn about birds and about people.

As president, I am only one member of the CBC Executive Committee. We have a great club and our wish is that the leadership of the CBC can continue to respond to the needs of the membership and to our changing world. Besides the two publications, the Newsletter and the Chat, we have an outstanding club web-site. You can find out just about anything about the CBC activities by checking the web-site at www.carolinabirdclub.org. We offer a big "thank you" to Kent Fiala, who built and continuously maintains this valuable tool.

Some of the more immediate decisions facing the CBC Executive Committee include:

- Club publications: How should we be distributing the two publications, in print form or on-line, or both?
- Bonus field trips: where and when to go, and how to recruit and compensate bonus trip leaders?

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CBC Litchfield Field Trip Schedule

Friday, September 27

Morning - Half-Day Trips (all times a.m.)
Trip 1: Huntington Beach State Park – 7:30
Trip 2: Myrtle Beach State Park – 7:15
Trip 3: South Tibwan Plantation - 6:45
Trip 4: Waccamaw NWR – 7:00
Trip 5: Santee Coastal WMA – 6:45
Trip 6: Hampton Plantation – 7:00

Afternoon - Half-Day Trips (all times p.m.)
Trip 7: Huntington Beach State Park – 1:15
Trip 8: Myrtle Beach State Park – 1:15
Trip 9: South Tibwin Plantation – 1:00
Trip 10: Waccamaw NWR– 1:00
Trip 11: South Litchfield Beach – 1:15
Trip 12: Hampton Plantation – 1:00

All Day Trips (all times a.m.)
Trip 13: Huntington Beach State Park – 7:30
Trip 14: Bull Island – 7:00
Trip 15: I'on Swamp, Sewee & Santee Delta – 6:45
Trip 16: Santee Coastal- 6:45

Saturday, September 28

Morning - Half-Day Trips (all times a.m.)
Trip 17: Huntington Beach State Park – 7:30
Trip 18: Myrtle Beach State Park – 7:15
Trip 19: South Tibwan Plantation - 6:45
Trip 20: Waccamaw NWR – 7:00
Trip 21: Santee Coastal WMA – 6:45
Trip 22: Hampton Plantation – 7:00

Afternoon - Half-Day Trips (all times p.m.)
Trip 23: Huntington Beach State Park – 1:15
Trip 24: Myrtle Beach State Park – 1:15
Trip 25: South Tibwin Plantation – 1:00
Trip 26: Waccamaw NWR– 1:00
Trip 27: South Litchfield Beach – 1:15
Trip 28: Hampton Plantation – 1:00

All Day Trips (all times a.m.)
Trip 29: Huntington Beach State Park – 7:30
Trip 30: Bull Island – 7:00
Trip 31: I'on Swamp, Sewee & Santee Delta – 6:45
Trip 32: Santee Coastal- 6:45

Litchfield Planning Notes

All trips leave from the hotel. Site directions will be available at registration. If you plan to meet your trip at the site, be sure to let your trip leader know in advance.

The times listed above are when the cars are lined up in the parking lot and leaving. Please be there at least 10 minutes early and identify yourself to the leader.

Be sure to pack a lunch for the all-day trips, and due to the tight schedules, you might want to pack a lunch for the half-day trips also. Restroom availability is noted in the trip descriptions.

We try to take as few vehicles as possible on field trips in order to save fuel, make caravanning easier, and to make better use of limited parking that exists at some stops. Please plan on carpooling, and if you would like to drive, let your trip leader know when you arrive for your outing.

Late September can still be summer-like in the Low Country. Bring insect repellant, sunscreen, and sun protective clothing as needed. Conversely, be prepared for cool evenings and pack a sweater or jacket.

Spotting scopes are beneficial on trips visiting sites where shorebirding or ocean watching will occur. If you don't have you own, don't worry, there should be plenty around, but it's always nice to have your trusty scope at hand when that rare shorebird pops up!

Did You Know?

Litchfield takes its name from a rice plantation founded in the 1700s.

While the City of Myrtle Beach has only a little over 27,000 residents, over 14 million people visit each year!

Litchfield Field Trip Descriptions

Trips 1, 7, 13, 17, 23 & 29 – Huntington Beach SP
Definitely one of the best birding sites in the Carolinas, the park contains three miles of beach and 2,500 acres of land. The park bird list contains over 300 species. From the causeway we should find migrating shorebirds. Most commonly seen species are Semipalmated, Western and Least Sandpipers, Semipalmated Plover, Dunlin, Short-billed Dowitcher, and from time to time, Black-necked Stilt. You also have the chance of seeing Solitary, White-rumped, Stilt, Buff-breasted (rare), and Pectoral Sandpipers and American Avocet. There is a nature center located at the marsh boardwalk that has a number of bird feeders, a good spot for lingering Painted Buntings. A boardwalk into a pond next to the Nature Center allows a good chance of seeing Clapper Rail and Seaside Sparrow. The jetty at the north end of the beach has produced some rarities and is worth the effort to make the walk. The entrance fee to the park is $5 per person or $3.25 for SC seniors, so bring your SC state park pass if you have one. *Restrooms available*

Trips 2, 8, 18 & 24 – Myrtle Beach SP
This park sits amid an oceanfront maritime forest. This is a good location for migrating warblers, thrushes and vireos, as it is one of the better wooded areas near the beach for many miles around. Since you will also be on a beach, this is a good location for shorebirds, gulls and terns. The park species list, kept since 1996, includes more than 200 species. Again, the entrance fee to the park is $5 per person or $3.25 for SC seniors, so bring your SC state park pass if you have one. *Restrooms available*

Trips 3, 9, 19 & 25 – South Tibwin Plantation
This area is located south of Litchfield just off of Highway 17. The woods in the plantation are good for migrating and wintering song birds. The creek here may have ibises, Wood Storks, herons and egrets. There is an impoundment that may have Roseate Spoonbills mixed in with the wading birds. Other target birds are Painted Bunting, Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, and Bald Eagle.

Trips 4, 10, 20 & 26 – Waccamaw NWR
This is a fairly new refuge established in 1997, therefore not a lot has been written about the it in bird guides. Located near Conway, SC, this large refuge has a long boardwalk through a marshy area. This is a good location for herons, egrets, Wood Storks, and other wading birds. This is also a good place to find fall migrants, according to the locals.

Trips 5, 16, 21 & 32 – Santee Coastal WMA
This is a good location to combine both driving and walking while birding. The wooded area is a good place for Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and Brown-headed Nuthatches. The Marshland Loop Trail leads to an impoundment that contains year-round Anhinga, Wood Stork, Red-shouldered Hawk, Black & King Rails, White-eyed Vireo, and Common Yellowthroat plus fall migrants.

Trips 6, 12, 22 & 28 – Hampton Plantation
Located South of Georgetown, SC, there is no fee unless you want to enter the plantation house. There is a two-mile loop trail that circles an abandoned rice field. The marshes are good for both King and Virginia Rails. The trail and wooded grounds are good for migrating song birds. *Restrooms available*

Trips 11 & 27 – South Litchfield Beach
Located just south of Huntington Beach SP off of Highway 17. Along the causeway is one of the best places in the area to see Clapper Rails plus other wading birds. There is about 1.3 miles of beach available for walking before reaching the end of the island. Keep an eye out for early sea ducks and resident pelicans. At the point of the island, gulls, terns and skimmers can often be found. Some of the western side of the island is also public and is good for sandpipers, dowitchers, and plovers.

Trips 14 & 30 – Bull Island
A great place to bird in South Carolina due to it being so remote. You have to take a ferry to get there at the cost of $40 per person. Having said that, it is definitely worth the price of admission. Birds to look for are pelicans, cormorants, Anhingas, herons, egrets, night-herons, ibises, Wood Stork, Osprey, Bald Eagle, and many species of shorebirds, gulls and terns. Some of the rarer species that might be seen are Parasitic Jaeger, Common Ground-Dove, Cave Swallow, Sedge

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CBC Election Results

During the Spring Meeting the following members were elected or appointed to positions supporting the Club:

- Katherine Higgins elected President
- Ron Clark resigned as Western NC Member-at-Large and elected Western NC Vice-President
- Samir Gabriel (previously appointed by President Clark) elected to first term as Treasurer
- Phil Fowler re-elected to third (and final) term as Secretary
- Jesse Pope appointed to Ron Clark's unexpired term as Western NC Member-at-Large
- Karyl Gabriel (previously appointed by President Clark) elected to first term as Western NC Member-at-Large
- Christine Stoughton-Root (previously appointed by President Clark) elected to first term as Eastern NC Member-at-Large
- John Voigt re-elected to second (and final) term as Eastern NC Member-at-Large
- Irvin Pitts re-elected to second (and final) term as SC Member-at-Large

Welcome new Executive Committee Members!

Litchfield Field Trip Descriptions

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Wren, Marsh Wren, Clay-colored Sparrow, and Lark Sparrow. In addition, you might find Painted Bunting, Nelson's Sparrow, Saltmarsh Sparrow, and Seaside Sparrow. Be sure to bring everything you need for the day.

Trips 15 & 31 – I'on Swamp, Sewee, & Santee Delta

All three of these locations are a possibility for migrating song birds, especially in the wooded and swampy areas. Some of the species you might find are Red-shouldered Hawk, White-eyed Vireo, Barred Owl, Barn Owl, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Bald Eagle, Anhinga, Osprey, and Belted Kingfisher. Santee Delta East is predominantly impounded rice fields (keep an eye out for King Rail), and Santee Delta West is impounded bottomland hardwood forest. These impoundments provide habitat for waterfowl, Bald Eagle, wading birds, shorebirds, and songbirds.

General Committees

The following committees were appointed or confirmed at the Spring Meeting

Finance: Samir (chair) and Karyl Gabriel, Don Faulkner

Grants: Samir Gabriel, Jeff Click, Phil Fowler, Chistine Stoughton Root (chair)

Bonus Trips: Jeff Click, Ron Clark, Irvin Pitts, Steve Shultz

Membership: Mark Buckler, Ron Clark, Irvin Pitts, Ellen Sutliff (member representative)

Welcome New Members!

The CBC warmly welcomes the following new members.

Patrick Boland
Charlotte, NC

Mark Anthony
Mebane, NC

Beth Gregory
Hillsborough, NC

Amber & Joel McCune
Denver, NC

Phyllis Demko
Holly Springs, NC

Mike, Allie & Logan Toronoski
Charleston, NC

Shirley Foushee
Lenoir, NC

Cheryl, Richard, Tate, Tim & Kayla Young
Garden City, SC

New Life Member

Maxwell Bailey
Greer, SC

Lynne Mattocks Lucas

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Litchfield

from impoundments at Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge.

The Saturday buffet is $25 per person and includes traditional tossed salad, Chicken Francaise, Pasta Primavera, fresh vegetable medley, roasted red potatoes, rolls & butter, coffee, and tea.

Early registration for the meeting closes on September 22. There are no refunds for registration or meals for cancellations received after September 15.

Be sure and bring that non-birding spouse or friend as there is no limit to the number of activities available in the Myrtle Beach/Litchfield area. Make your reservations, grab your bins, and come on down to the SC coast and have a great time.

Online Publications Password

The most recent editions of the Newsletter and The Chat are online on the CBC website. All CBC members will use the same username and password to access these publications. The username is "**cbc**" and the password is "**thech@**". This is a membership benefit; please don't share the password with non-members! The password will be changed from time to time, but can always be found in the most recent print edition of the Newsletter.

http://www.carolinabirdclub.org

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President

- Legacy money: what should we be doing with the discretionary legacy money donated to the club by past members? Are there worthwhile projects that we should fund or should the money remain invested to help fund day-to-day CBC expenses?

The CBC Executive Committee has a long-range planning meeting in August and we would like to hear from you about your club. Your input will help us to lead the CBC where you want it to go. You can offer your comments on the CBC web-site. Click on "About the Club" to find the Suggestion Box and contact information for your Executive Committee members. You can also find these names on the back of the Newsletter. All of these people are volunteers except for our hard-working, part-time eontractor Carol Bowman, the CBC Headquarters Secretary.

We offer our sincere thanks to Marion Clark who has been the CBC President for the past two years. He led us well.

Wishing you all great birds in your field of view,
Katherine Higgins
President, Carolina Bird Club

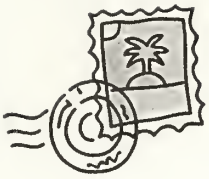
A Note From Our Immediate Past President, Marion Clark

It was a distinct honor and privilege for me to serve as president of the Carolina Bird Club for two years. I especially appreciate the support of the Executive Committee, as well as the general membership. There were times when I felt woefully inadequate for the job, but you all propped me up...and we made it. However, a two-year term is enough!

Now it's back to real birding instead of administrative birding! I think the biggest difference I'll notice is whole-hearted participation in the seasonal meetings, without distraction. I'll continue my 25-year volunteer work as backcountry ranger-nature interpreter on the 12,600-acre Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area, along with our annual trips to the West for bird-and other wildlife-watching.

I cherish my experience and legacy as an EC member and president of the CBC!

Thanks again! Marion+



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Consider using our Online Registration at
www.carolinabirdclub.org!

CBC Litchfield Meeting Registration Form
September 27-28, 2013

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone (____) _____—_____ Evening phone (____)_____—_____

Email _____

Meeting Registration (Member) ____ x $25 = $ _____
Meeting Registration (Non-member) ____ x $30 = $_____
Saturday Buffet Dinner (each) ____ x $25 = $ _____

Field Trip Sign-Up	A.M. 1st/2nd Choice	P.M. 1st/2nd Choice	All Day 1st/2nd Choice
Friday	/	/	/
Saturday	/	/	/

To pre-register for field trips, place the trip number(s) in the boxes above.

Total Enclosed = $_____

Club policy requires all field trip participants to comply with the field trip leader's assessment and requests concerning the physical ability of each participant to make or complete the trip. Meeting registration at the door costs $35.

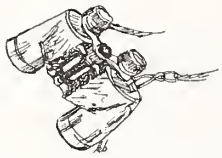
I release and discharge (and will not make a claim against) Carolina Bird Club for injury, death, or property damage arising from my participation at this meeting and/or Club field trips. This release of liability is entered into on behalf of all members of my family, including all minors accompanying me. I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of any such minors and that I am over 18 years of age.

Signature_____Date_____Signature_____Date_____

Make check payable to Carolina Bird Club and send to:
CBC, 9 Quincy Place, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Before sending in this form, check the website to see if any of your trips are full, rescheduled, or cancelled. (www.carolinabirdclub.org)

Cancellations for the meeting and/or the meal will be refunded if received by Sunday, September 15, 2013. Cancel by contacting the Headquarters Secretary (hq@carolinabirdclub.org). If you need to cancel after the refund cutoff date, please notify the Headquarters Secretary so we can give your field trip space to someone on the waiting list.



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Upcoming CBC Meetings

Litchfield, SC September 27-28, 2013
Wrightsville Beach NC, January 24-25 2014

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